



A successful Academy Review

Your children may (or may not) have mentioned that we had a number of suited visitors last week who impressed our Year 2s so much that one thought it was the Prime Minister. Unfortunately, this was not the case and they were simply senior education professionals and other headteachers from the Trust and the purpose of their visit was an annual review of school practice to ensure that what is written within our self-evaluation matches what is happening in each class.

As a school, we were really pleased that there was an agreed view that the school is on the line between Good and Outstanding. Whilst these one-word judgements are now disappearing and we are unlikely to receive such a rating again, for now they are useful for the school to understand that they are providing an excellent level of education every day, in every class.

The process was great validation for the hard work and commitment of the staff during what has been a very challenging period, with outstanding practice seen in all areas of the school. It was particularly pleasing to hear praise around our SEND structures; the ambitious provision within EYFS that has adapted around these and the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils. The process is also really useful in providing some next steps, most of which are around minor inconsistencies in practice which we will look to address as part of our ongoing work.

The role of Mrs Barnes

The role of pastoral support with schools has evolved massively over the last few years as we have all become more aware of our mental health, as well as our physical. As a school, we have always been ahead of this curve with Mrs Barnes spending her afternoon's supporting 'children with worries' for the last 11 years. Initially, this was based within Thrive play therapy, before Mrs Barnes became a qualified Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. We are now really pleased to say that she has built upon this further in now qualifying to be a Trauma Informed School practitioner. We are very lucky to have this level of support and hope that we can continue to prioritise her work within the school for those who need it.

A message from our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Hello everyone. We have started a Community Campaign with the Diana.org charity and will regularly update you here about what we are doing in school to make sure there continues to be NO bullying. Last month, we had a great anti-bullying week across the whole school. We led an assembly to give out badges to the Kindness competition winners and there were lessons about being kind and respectful. Odd Socks Day and Open-mindedness Day reminded us about this message. Look out for another update in the next newsletter.

Parent Awareness Videos

We are really pleased to have seen the success of our online parent awareness videos with 44 views of Mrs Harley-Bond's EYFS presentation. Therefore, we would like to continue sharing two additional videos per month with an outline of our English and Mathematics emailed out to you today. Hopefully, these videos-on-demand explanations will give more insight into our curriculum in a way that fits with a busy family life. Please look out for the links in your email.

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA are busy prepping for the Christmas Fair on the 6th December at 3.30pm. Don't forget to send your child in next week with a filled jar for the jar raffle one of our most popular stalls, in return your child can come to school on that Friday in their Christmas Jumper. We'd also like to thank everyone that's signed up to the Asda CashPot for Schools, we have two days left and are currently sitting at £652.44 which is amazing. We will be asking the children what they would like to spend it on and this will happen in the spring when the funds become available. Thank you for continuing to support us with all the donations we've received.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER			
3rd	Tuesday	9:15 - 12:00	Conkers class - Additional PE
3rd	Tuesday		KS2 Homework Project morning
6th	Friday	9:00 - 12:00	Flu Catch up session
6th	Friday	15:30 - 17:00	PTA Christmas Fair
9th	Monday		Houses of Parliament Visit - Y5/6
11th	Wednesday	18:30	School choir - Carol service at All Saints church, Hillington Square
13th	Friday	10:00	School Choir to visit Wyndham House
16th	Monday	10:00	Y1/2 Cinderella Panto at Corn Exchange
17th	Tuesday	19:00	Year 6 Carol Service - All Saint's Church
17th	Tuesday	9:30 - 10:30	Reception Christmas Sing-Along - Booking Essential
18th	Wednesday	9:30 - 10:30	Reception Christmas Sing-Along - Booking Essential
18th	Wednesday		Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th	Thursday		Y3/4 Christmas Party AM - Y5/6 Christmas Party PM
19th	Thursday	18:00 - 20:15	PTA Christmas Disco - KS1 18:00-19:00 KS2 19:15-20:15
20th	Friday		Y1/2 Christmas Party AM - EYFS Christmas Party PM
20th	Friday		Last day of term
JANUARY			
7th	Tuesday		Children return to school
13th	Monday	10:00 - 11:30	KS1 Active Kids Festival - Lynnsport - Selected children
13th	Monday	16:00	Activity Clubs Open for booking via Tucasi
14th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Elder class - Additional PE Session
15th	Wednesday		Maple class last swimming lesson
15th	Wednesday		Reception application round closes
16th	Thursday	9:30	Reception Hearing and Vision check
20th	Monday		Activity Clubs start
21st	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Juniper class - Additional PE Session
22nd	Wednesday		Year 5's start swimming lessons (10 weeks)
28th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Fir class - Additional PE session

